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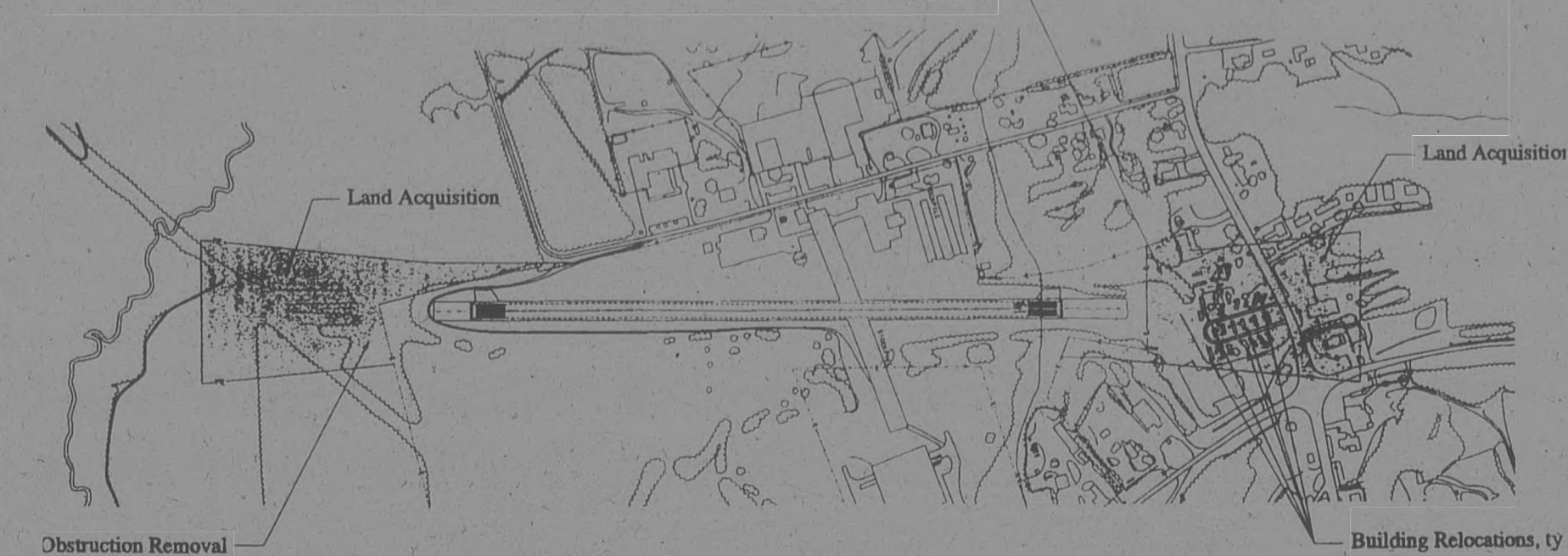
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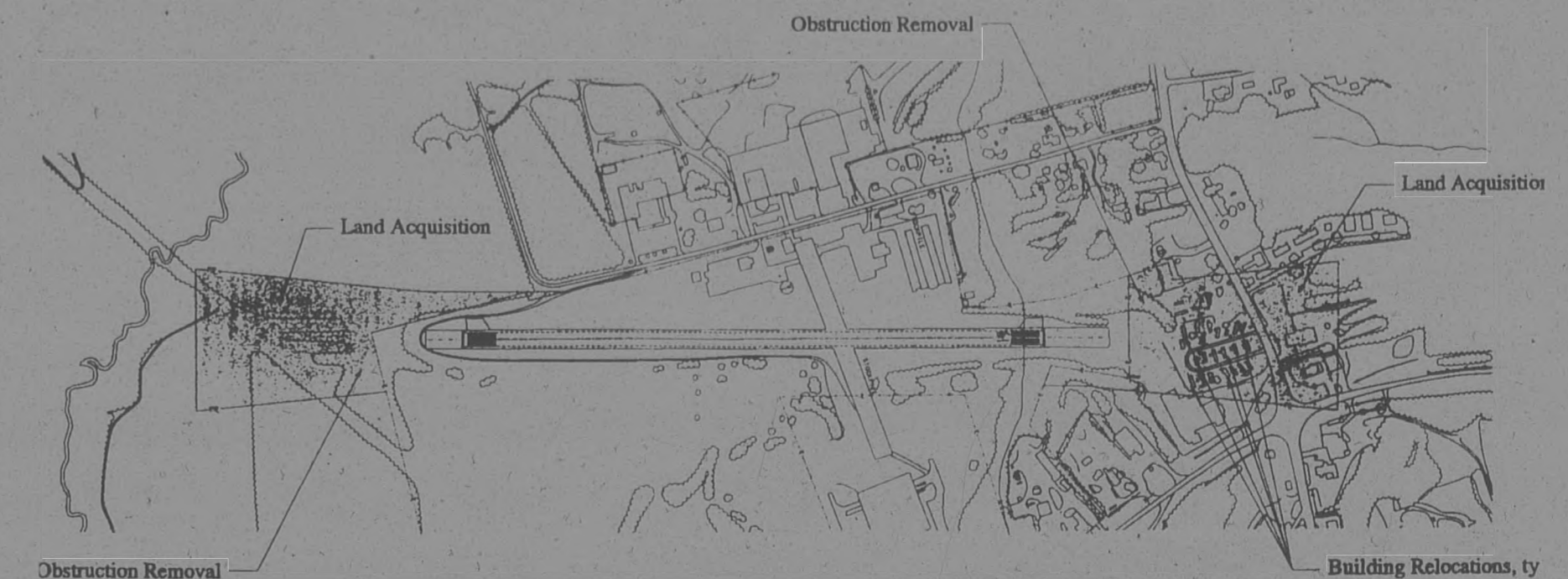
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Driving safely is on our mind this week. Traveling alone down the interstate in North Alabama on a rainy Friday afternoon last week gave our mind a bit of time to work. The traffic was heavy on I-59 and even though most motorists were driving below the 70 mph limit, it was still dangerous. At one time we were right behind an 18 wheeler and another was beside us. There were cars and trucks ahead and behind all of us. Just a hiccup by any one on that water covered highway would have piled most of us in the same wreckage. Then Saturday afternoon just outside of Enterprise (once more in the rain) we suddenly realized there was a car skidding broadside across our line of traffic. Again, an 18 wheeler was approaching us and there was a car behind us a bit. How all of us got out of that without a crash can only be credited to God's protection. There must be something wrong with that section of the highway, because it is not the first car we have seen spinning out of control at that exact spot at the top of the very same hill.

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As the dust settles in Montgomery, we have only positive things to say for both the legislature and for Governor Bob Riley. They planned their work and worked their plan. Alabama citizens won.

the commission to serve on the office space committee. Commissioner Westbrook said she would serve on the committee while commissioner Tom Grimsley said he would serve. He also said he would like to see commissioner Jim Thompson serve since Thompson has connections to the interior design industry. Thompson agreed to serve.

Commissioners approved a bid from Dell Computers to upgrade the computers at the county's probate office. Dell was one of four companies to submit a bid for this project, and it provided the low bid at \$21,468.80.

With this being a budgeted item for the RC&D Board, Linda Westbrook will serve as the county representative, Bernest Brooks will serve as the county at-large representative and Judy Hurley will serve as the county alternate.

The next meeting of the Coffee County Commission will be Monday, Dec. 13, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

In other business, commissioners: * Approved a motion authorizing county engineer Randy Tindell to send out specs for a recycling shop building at the landfill. Tindell said this is a budgeted item.

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If you should have any questions, contact the Enterprise Water Dept. at 347-1211 ext. 2251.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Nov. 15, 2004, investigated the following incidents: one possession of a forged instrument, one private property accident, one criminal mischief, one criminal trespassing and one theft of property.

The following arrests were made: one for menacing.

Traffic citations issued during

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the week were as follows: one for driving with a suspended driver's license.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
MONDAY, NOV. 15 - River stage - 7.38 feet (6:40 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 2700 County Rd. 427 (5:20 p.m.).

TUESDAY, NOV. 16 - River stage - 7.18 feet (7:00 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a fire near Hillcrest Cemetery on Hwy. 84 E (8:19 a.m.); Accident (vehicle vs. mobile home) reported near 824 First Ave. (6:00 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the accident on First Ave. (6:10 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 17 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to the Shell Station on Claxton Ave. (5:37 p.m.).

THURSDAY, NOV. 18 - River stage - 6.79 feet (8:08 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 336 Simmons St. (1:41 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported at 1115 Guyton St. (11:40 p.m.).

FRIDAY, NOV. 19 - Disturbance (noise) at 1115 Guyton St. (12:07 a.m.); River stage - 6.79 feet (6:44 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 675 County Rd. 400 (12:30 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1403 Smith Ave. (6:43 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported at 630 Jackson St. (7:20 p.m.).

SATURDAY, NOV. 20 - Elba Fire Department dispatched to a house fire at 343 Brunson Circle (8:58 a.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported near Reynolds and Lee St. (11:06 p.m.).

SUNDAY, NOV. 21 - Burglary reported at 1133 Neil Grantham Dr. (1:20 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 745 Lee St. (6:55 p.m.); Disturbance reported in the area of 631 Jackson St. (7:24 p.m.).

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Obituaries

GLADYS CUPIDEAN BROOKS

Mrs. Gladys Cupidean Brooks, age 71, of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2004, at the Washington County Convalescent Center in Chipley, Fla.

Graveside services were held Nov. 18, 2004 at New Home Cemetery with Rev. Nathan Carroll officiating. Burial followed in the New Home Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Survivors include one daughter: Jennice (Brooks) Boutwell, Elba; one son: Johnny Vernon Brooks, New Brockton, Ala.; one brother: Talmadge Smart, Montgomery, Ala.; two sisters: Beatrice Willis and Odessa Morris, both of Enterprise, Ala.; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

JEROME L. KIMBRO

Mr. Jerome L. Kimbro, age 76, of Trussville, Ala., died Saturday, Nov. 13, 2004 at Brookwood Medical Center of Birmingham, Ala.

Funeral services were held Nov. 17, 2004 at Friendship Cemetery. Burial followed in Friendship, Ala.

Survivors include his wife: Faye Kimbro, Trussville; one daughter: Tina Jackson, Trussville; three sisters: Libby Kimbro, Kinston, Ala.; Judith Binzel, Pace, Fla.; Ina Monk, Brewton, Ala.; and two grand-children.

FRANK DANA PERDUE

Mr. Frank Dana Perdue, age 87, of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, Nov. 18, 2004 at Taylor Mill Oaks Assisted Living in Elba.

He was a bomber pilot in WWII, after the war he flew with Pan American airlines and then he was a real estate broker in Naples, Fla. for 20 years. He and his wife Mary Ruth Fleming Perdue retired and returned to their home in Elba in 1982.

Funeral services were held

Nov. 21, 2004 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Stanley Carter officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

In lieu of flowers the family requested memorial contributions be made to the Elba United Methodist Church, c/o 503 W. Davis Street, Elba AL 36323.

Survivors include three sisters-in-law: Rhea Perdue, Americus, Ga.; Elizabeth Banks, Demopolis, Ala.; Gennette Kendrick, Elba; 11 nieces: Jo Ruth English, Elba; Gayle Merrill, Dothan, Ala.; Betsy Coplin, Demopolis, Ala.; K. Benbow, Elba; Fleming Watts, Monroeville, Ala.; Clare Dixon, Montgomery, Ala.; Faye Perdue, Atlanta, Ga.; Jan Hunt, Dallas, Texas; Ann Perdue, Gail Tatam, and Sue Gibson, all of Atlanta; five nephews: Mark Chambers, Dothan; Bobby Chambers, Montgomery; Claude Chambers, Andalusia, Ala.; Tom Perdue, Atlanta, Bill Perdue, Phoenix, Ariz.; and two

cousins: Bobby Perdue and Albert Perdue, both of Pensacola, Fla.

JAMES "COLIE" BOUTWELL

Mr. James "Colie" Boutwell, age 84, of Elba, Ala., died Saturday, Nov. 20, 2004 at his residence in Elba.

Funeral services were held Nov. 22, 2004 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Ray Layton officiating. Burial followed in the Center Ridge Cemetery, Elba, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Gwendolyn Eugenia Boutwell, Elba; three daughters: Katherine Nelson, Elba; Marjorie Kelley, Abbeville, Ala.; and White Charlotte, Cottonwood, Ala.; two sons: James Hayward Boutwell and Ronald James Boutwell, both of Elba; one sister: Darcey Mae Manna, Clearwater, Fla.; 13 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Linda,

We've just concluded our fall baseball season in Elba. The team consisted of Elba, Zion Chapel, and New Brockton players (we also had one Enterprise player late in the season). We took our 13 year old allstar team, and with the help of some of the 12 year old allstars, put together a team that continued to play in tournaments. The players practiced very hard and had great attitudes. The team continued to improve and culminated with a big win over a team out of Phenix City. That team is one of the best in the state and has won a number of tournaments. The teams we were competing against were top notch teams that included Dothan, Bufala, Prattville, Phenix City, and Andalusia. Most of these teams compete all year around. Our number one goal was to get serious baseball players more games to prepare them for JV baseball and to take home the 13/14 Dixie Boys title next year.

We would like to thank Ricky

Mularz and his staff for helping us with this team. Ricky tried to get the other athletic directors in the area to form a league but got very little support. He also gave us invaluable advice on travel teams as this was the first fall baseball team from Elba. We would like to thank Charlotte Caldwell for helping with getting us uniforms and putting up with us during football season. Also, we would like to thank Ross Adkinson and his crew for getting the baseball fields ready for practices and games.

And finally we would like to thank the parents that supported us and provided these kids that we have enough talent to win

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against anyone. We hope to put the team together again in the spring and start a run for the Dixie Boys state title.

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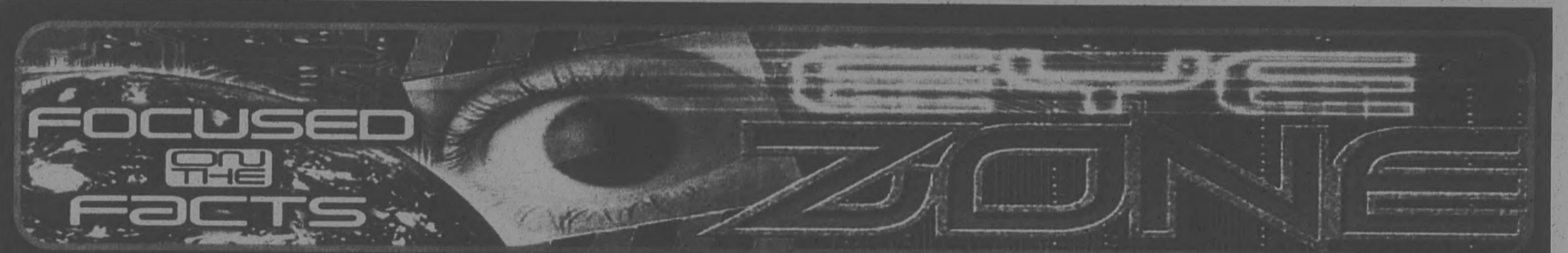
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On November 23, 1909, over 20,000 women shirtwaist makers in New York City went on strike. Known as the "Uprising of the 20,000," most strikers were recent immigrants from Eastern Europe. One of them was nineteen-year-old Pauline Newman, whose family moved from Lithuania in May 1901.

Five months after arriving at the age of eleven, she went to work for the Triangle Shirtwaist Company. Her job was to clip excess threads from completed shirts. Like other children in the factory, she worked as many as seventy hours per week and was paid \$1.50. There were no sick days and no paid holidays. If she took too long in the bathroom, the forelady threatened to fire her. Pauline spent eight years at the factory.

All of the children worked in one corner of the building. Around them lay huge cases that contained shirts needing trimming. The cases served another purpose. Anytime a factory inspector was due to arrive, the children hid in them to prevent the factory being charged with violating child labor laws.



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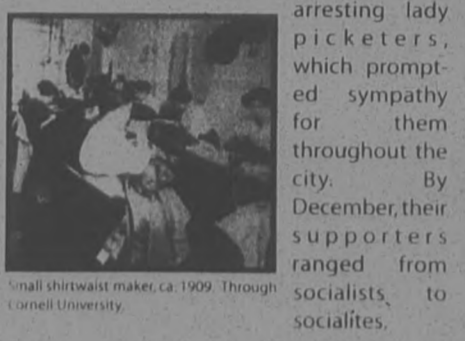
Heaven Will Protect the Working Girl
This online resource is the companion to a video with the same title produced by the American Social History Project at the City University of New York. It includes primary source documents from the 1909 shirtwaist makers' strike, an essay discussing its history.

Sweatshops and Strikes Before 1911
This resource is part of a larger resource that details a fire at the Triangle Shirtwaist Company on March 25, 1911. It discusses the sweatshop conditions that led to the 1909 strike, and includes employee accounts of working conditions.

Workers and Allies in the New York City Shirtwaist Strike
This collection of original documents was developed by the women's history program at the State University of New York at Binghamton. It tells the story of the strike through newspaper articles, first person accounts, and photographs.

workers had voted to stage a general strike. The years of dictatorial rules, starvation wages, and long hours had finally taken their toll.

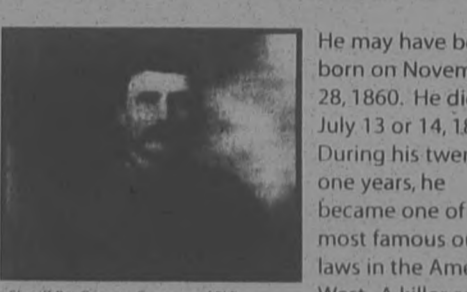
The next day, the shirtwaist industry in New York came to a screeching halt. Police began



Pauline Newman quit her job to become the International Ladies Garment Workers Union's first female organizer. In 1918, she became the union's Director of Health Education, and served as an adviser to the federal Department of Labor during the 1930s and 1940s. Find out more about the strike that blazed a trail for women in American labor. Take The Web Journey.

NEXT WEEK: America Wins, and loses.

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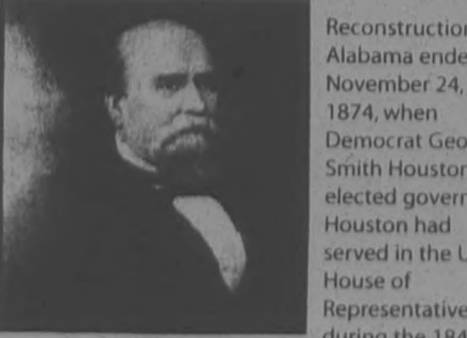
He may have been born on November 28, 1860. He died on July 13 or 14, 1881. During his twenty-one years, he became one of the most famous outlaws in the American West. A killer and horse thief, he became a deputy

during the Lincoln County Wars in New Mexico, joining a group called The Regulators. He was killed at Fort Sumner by the sheriff of Lincoln County, a former friend named Pat Garrett. Who was he?

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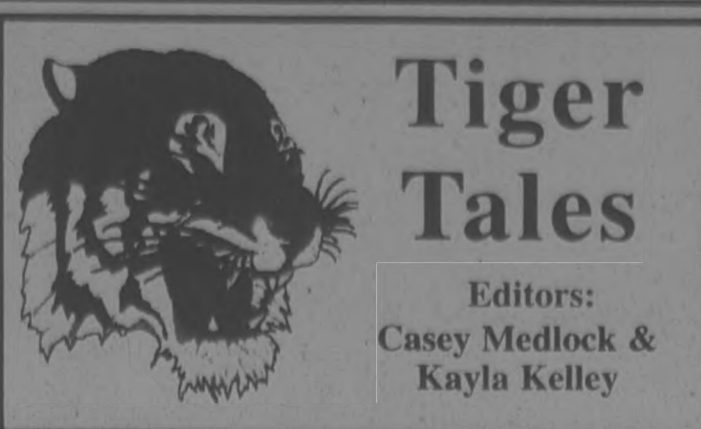


Reconstruction in Alabama ended on November 24, 1874, when Democrat George Smith Houston was elected governor. Houston had served in the U.S. House of Representatives during the 1840s and 1850s. He resigned in 1861 after presenting a resolution to the Speaker that called for Alabama to withdraw from the Union.

Governor George Houston. Courtesy of the Alabama Department of Archives and History.

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Tiger Tales

Editors:
Casey Medlock &
Kayla Kelley

EHS Student Spotlight

by Amber Wejroch

This week's student spotlight is focused on **Chase Boutwell**. Chase is the 15-year-old son of Keith and Brenda Boutwell. In his spare time, he likes to ride four wheelers, go fishing and play sports with friends.

Chase plays football and baseball. He is also involved in FFA. His future plans are to go to college and to become a physical therapist.

When I asked Chase to describe himself, he replied with, "athletic, friendly, and funny."

Congrats to Chase Boutwell



Chase Boutwell

for this week's student spotlight!

The real meaning of Thanksgiving

Submitted by Kristi Spinks

As Americans, we have a lot to be thankful for this Thanksgiving. We live in freedom, most of us have an abundance of food and clothing, and we all have adequate shelter. We are as blessed as any people in the world, but sometimes we forget that and gripe that we don't have even more. Let's remember that a lot of the world's population goes to bed hungry in homes that few Americans would want to live in.

Therefore, it is good to remind ourselves occasionally that we are lucky and thank God for our blessings. That is what Thanksgiving really is, a time to give thanks. The pilgrims started it more than 300 years ago when they gathered to thank God for a bountiful harvest.

Today Thanksgiving is a time for family gatherings around a groaning table followed by watching football games. There is nothing wrong with that. However, it is important that we do not forget the real meaning of Thanksgiving. So, when you sit down with your family for Thanksgiving dinner, take time to count your blessings and thank God for them.

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Did You Know?...

by Cameron Irwin

Zipardi Duda, Zipardiday, my oh my... Wait that's your name!

Most people want a name that people cannot usually pick on, but a man from England has recently changed his legal name to Zipardi Duda.

The man, Anthony Duda, told local newspapers that he'd taken on the offbeat name to promote a charity for children in Tanzania that he had set up.

Veterans recognized in program at Elba High

by Elizabeth Weeks

Students, faculty, and local veterans attended an assembly Wednesday, Nov. 10, in observance of Veterans' Day. Members of SGA welcomed everyone and led the assembly in prayer, followed by the presentation of the flag, during which a summary of the flag's history was read. Following this was the pledge of allegiance and singing of the national anthem.

SGA officers introduced veterans who had served in various wars and branches of service. Several students in Mr. Carlisle's history class gave a few words of appreciation for the veterans. Captain Casey Burrill of the U.S. Air Force presented Elba High School with a flag he carried with him on a combat mission, on which two pilots were also from Elba. The playing of taps concluded the program, following a brief history of it.

Principal Johnny Dunn made closing remarks. The program was successful in recognizing and honoring veterans that have served our country and helped to secure the freedoms we enjoy today.



Elba High School honors Veterans during special Veterans Day program

Elba Elementary School holds Veterans' Day program

by Kayla Kelley

On Nov. 10, the Elba Elementary School held a very memorable program in honor of Veterans' Day.

The program was led by Student Government Association Sponsor Lynn Baker and Officers Bethany Wilson, Lindsay Camley, Salina Dodd, and Xavier Rodgers. Students became intensely involved in the program as they sang "The Star Spangled Banner," "God Bless the U.S.A.," and "America."

A key highlight from the program came with the sixth grade band's performance of "The Armed Forces Medley."

The speaker for the program



Frank Chirico

was Mr. Frank Chirico. Mr. Chirico served 20 years in the U.S. Army, fought in the Vietnam War and retired with the position of Major. This

speaker emphasized what a veteran is and how important it is to thank them.

Principal McCollough then introduced the numerous visiting veterans. Many of the veterans were relatives of students at Elba Elementary.

The program ended with the viewing of a slide show honoring veterans and explaining how students can help with retired veterans or ways one might thank or recognize a veteran.

Altogether, the program was very memorable for all students, faculty, and visitors present. The emphasis placed on veterans will remind students forever how truly important each and every veteran is.

Co-Op Spotlight

by Brittney Clark



TEEN READ WEEK (by Duke Carr). Each fall, the American Library Association sponsors Teen Read Week. This year's celebration was October 17th through the 23rd. Students in Mrs. Collin's 7th grade English classes created flyers on 8 1/2 x 11 papers. The flyers, which promoted books, reading, computers or anything library-related, were judged according to originality, creativity and following the guidelines. The winners were Justin Mallory, Marshall George, Janae Camley, and Amber Hood.

E.E.S. Upcoming Events:

- Saturday, November 27 - Christmas Festival and Parade;
- Monday, November 29 - Parent Involvement Program

Students learn about 18-wheelers

by Katie Cash

On Monday, Nov. 8, a professional truck driver from AAA Cooper came to speak to Driver's Education students at Elba High.

He shared with the students the dangers of driving on the roads with 18-wheelers and precautions to take to help avoid being in a collision. He showed the students the huge blind spots of a semi truck, and let the students sit in the driver's seat of an 18-wheeler and see for themselves how it was

impossible to see cars too close behind.

Students learned important lessons about driving on the road with 18-wheelers and about different ways they can make sure they are seen by drivers of these trucks.

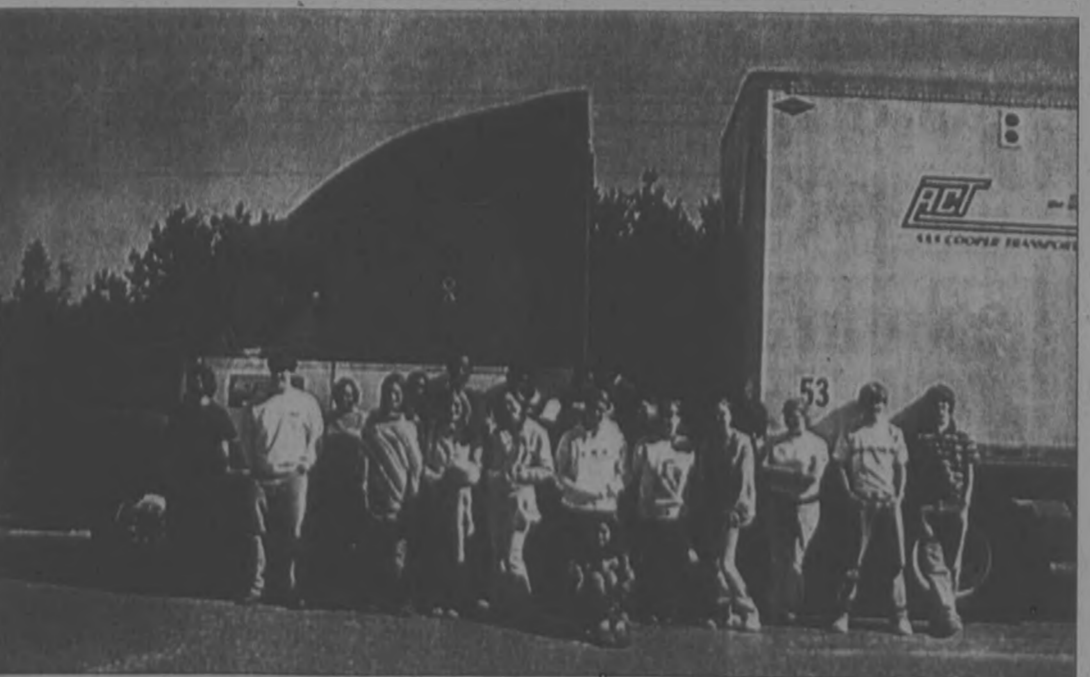
As the bumper stickers on many semi trucks indicate, if a driver can't see an 18-wheeler's mirror, then the truck can't see the driver.

Hopefully, this experience is one that will go with the students when they become licensed drivers.

This week's co-op spotlight is **Ashley Gibson**, the 18-year-old daughter of Gary Gibson and Renee Stinson. She is currently employed at Kelley Foods of Alabama, Inc., where she has been working since September.

She works in the office where she does clerical work. When she is not working, however, Ashley likes to hang out with her friends, take photographs, and write. Her clubs and activities include: FFA President, SGA Representative, Sr. Beta, VICA, Mu Alpha Theta, Journalism, Elba Editor and FFA forestry team.

When Ashley graduates she would like to attend Troy University. Congratulations, Ashley, on being this week's co-op spotlight!



Driver's Education students at Elba High get lesson on "big trucks."

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Brantley's Kendra Majors reports the news at Troy

Kendra Majors, a 2004 Brantley graduate, is a freshman at Troy University majoring in print journalism with a contract in public relations.

Last year at Brantley, Kendra was instrumental in reestablishing the school newspaper and the yearbook. As editor of the Bulldog Hi-Lites, she was able to negotiate Brantley's own page in The Elba Clipper once a month. Those experiences convinced Kendra that journalism was her career goal.

When it came to choosing a college or university, Kendra knew she wanted to go to Troy. As the editor of Brantley's school newspaper, Kendra had a vision of serving on the staff of the Trop. Troy University's student-run newspaper, that opportunity came when she submitted the work of the Bulldog Hi-Lites to the Trop. Kendra took a step forward to take a leadership role and responsible ownership of her high school. We believe she will continue this course during her tenure at Troy University and the Trop. We love you Kendra and may God bless you.

Kendra was awarded a scholarship for one-half tuition and secured a position as a staff writer for the Trop.

Kendra's writing skills have grown and she has had three

front-page stories, one of which was the actual headline story. One of those front-page stories has led to a "once in a lifetime opportunity" for her.

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It is great to see one of our graduates beginning to reach her goals and have so much fun doing it. Kendra said she has developed lasting friendships with the Troy University faculty, staff and other journalism students. Her excitement is obvious and we wish her well in all of her endeavors. We also appreciate that she is willing to go to the administration of Brantley School and present the opportunity to follow in her footsteps.

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Veterans honored by Brantley Key Club

by Emily Cain

The Brantley High School Key Club honored Veterans with a ceremony on Wednesday, Nov. 10, in the Brantley High School gymnasium.

50 Veterans and their families attended. Many students wrote poems and read them, and the Emerald Wave Band played many patriotic songs.

The Community Choir sang beautiful renditions of "Let There Be Peace on Earth" and "I Will Heal Their Land." The Brantley United Methodist Church Bell Choir, that consists of Brantley Elementary students, performed "God Bless America" and "America the Beautiful."

To show appreciation to the Veterans, the Key Club gave every Veteran an American flag and a badge. The Key Club also



The Brantley Community Choir sang "I Will Heal Their Land" and "Let There Be Peace on Earth" in public relations.

sang "You Raise Me Up" as a tribute to the Veterans and sponsored a luncheon for them after the program.



The Key Club recognized the Veterans and honored them by presenting badges and flags.



The Brantley United Methodist Church Bell Choir entertained with "America the Beautiful" and "God Bless America."



The Key Club members paid tribute to the Veterans by singing "You Raise Me Up."

Brantley students selected for SEUS Honor Bands

by Shane Haws

Brantley High School announces nine talented young musicians that were selected to be part of the Fifth Annual Southeastern United States (SEUS) Middle School Honor Bands. This event will be held Dec. 2-4 at Troy University.

The students selected from Brantley are in either the seventh or eighth grade and are all part of the marching and concert bands at Brantley. To qualify for this honor band, they had to

complete a form with their director's recommendation and list of their musical accomplishments.

The students selected from Brantley for these highly prestigious bands are: Adriana Alejo, flute; Alicia Alejo, clarinet; Chelsea Burnette, clarinet; Sienble Lee, clarinet; Macy Owens, clarinet; Samantha Rayborn, trumpet; Deanza Sheridan, trumpet; Stephen Soler, tenor saxophone; and Amber Wicker, clarinet.

While at Middle School SEUS, the participants must audition for chair placement on Thursday, Dec. 2, to be placed in one of three bands: brass, silver or gold. The students will then enjoy a weekend of fun and learning through music.

The finale of Middle School SEUS will be the Honor Bands Concert at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 4, in the Trojan Arena. Admission to the concert is free and everyone is invited to attend.



SEUS MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR BAND STUDENTS... (front, left to right) - Alicia Alejo, Amber Wicker, Adriana Alejo, Deanza Sheridan; (back, left to right) - Sienble Lee, Macy Owens, Chelsea Burnette, Samantha Rayborn and Stephen Soler.



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By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The holiday season officially gets underway this week with Thanksgiving, and what better way to kick-off the long holiday season than to sit down with friends and relatives and reflect back on all the many blessings we have to be thankful for. At the Mularz house we will all be together to share our blessings, and will say a special prayer for all the families across the nation that will have an empty seat at the table while they share a family member with us all to serve and protect our way of life.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

*** Alabama's lack of offense haunted the Crimson Tide once again last weekend as Auburn rallied in the second half to escape Tuscaloosa with a 21-13 win. The Tide played hard for all four quarters and took the fight to the undefeated Tigers in the opening half, but in the end Alabama's failure to score a touchdown in three trips to the red zone in the first half was simply too much to overcome. I know many Alabama fans are looking forward to finding out just where the Crimson Tide will go bowling, but unless the Tide discovers an offense before late December the bowl could be just another lesson in frustration. As for Auburn, the Tigers struggled for the first time this season in the opening two quarters and may have discovered that just maybe they aren't quite good enough to simply show up and win every time they take the field.

*** Hopefully the brawl that happened in the Clemson-South Carolina game will serve as a wake up call to all college athletic officials and coaches that didn't believe such an ugly incident could happen at their school. As college athletics has become a bigger and bigger business many schools have turned their backs on looking into the true character of the high school students they are recruiting, and the "win at all costs" mentality has turned some of the players into little more than thugs that enjoy showing off in front of thousands of fans each and every weekend across the nation. I believe the incident gave all of college football a black eye and hope that in the future the colleges will recruit players that want to win on the field even more than dancing and unbuckling their chin-straps every time they do something good.

*** If there is anyone out there looking for a high school football player for their youngster to be a fan of look no farther than Brantley High School and the Bulldogs' Scotty Abadilla. The Brantley junior was carried off the field by ambulance three weeks ago after being knocked unconscious by a teammate on a punt return, but after missing one game Abadilla was back in uniform Friday night and came up with a big turnover on a punt when he dove into a Reeltown return man like a missile and recovered a fumble. Players at all levels of play recover fumbles weekly. However, this young man bounced back from what was thought to be a possible career ending injury to help his team win a playoff game, and made one of the biggest plays of the game while going downfield on punt coverage. There can be no doubt that Scotty Abadilla's heart is as big as his body.

*** Speaking of high school football, the state playoffs continued last week and there were a few surprises worth mentioning. In Class 1A South Lamar scored almost at will in routing former prep power Hazlewood 41-6, while in the 2A ranks Cottonwood shocked Lufkin 14-13. Red Level rallied to get past Houston County 21-6, Leroy blanked Houston Academy 20-0 and Southern Choctaw put an end to Calera's dream season by downing the Eagles 23-12. In Class 3A Straughn got shut out by Oneonta 21-0 and Pike County got past Montgomery Academy 12-7, while up in the 4A ranks Geneva got ripped by Elmore County 33-7 and Opp fell to UMS-Wright 38-14. The 5A playoff saw Charles Henderson fall to Homewood 20-7 and in 6A circles Carver advanced with a 26-25 win over McGill-Toolen.

*** Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator stopped by late Saturday night and dropped off this week's playoff picks. The local guesser hit on 12 of 15 picks last week to move his season totals to 248-32, and promised to keep on picking this season until the final second runs off the scoreboard. Oh well, here are this week's picks....

BRANTLEY VS. AMERICAN CHRISTIAN

The 'Dogs from up across the river will get the chance to walk off all that turkey they chowed down on late in the week when they head up to Tuscaloosa on Friday night and hope to chase down an army of Patriots that have taken no prisoners all season long. The 'Dogs made the same trip last year and got chased out of town and out of the playoffs. So, the guess here is the Bulldogs will save room for desert for Friday night and keep the playoff party going for yet another week.

BRANTLEY 20 AMERICAN CHRISTIAN 17

OTHER PICKS:

Loachapoka 34 Sweet Water 20
Red Level 16 Cottonwood 14
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T.R. Miller 31 Midfield 27
Oneonta 24 Pike County 18
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In Junior High basketball

Elba Lady Tigers up record to 8-3

The Elba Junior High Lady Tigers continued their season last week and upped their record to 8-3 by claiming wins over Zion Chapel and New Brockton. Following are highlights of last week's basketball action:

ELBA 23

Z.C. 15

The Elba Lady Tigers pulled ahead early and rolled to a 23-15 win over Zion Chapel, last Monday afternoon in Elba. The Lady Tigers jumped out to a 10-6 lead at the half and never looked back to down the Lady Rebels. Brandy Caldwell, Shanika Pruitt and Jeanetta Burks all scored 5 points to lead Elba, while Torie Hodge scored 11 points to lead Zion Chapel.

Elba (23): Caldwell 5, Head 4, Anderson 2, Carnley 2, Pruitt 5, Burks 5.
Z.C. (15): Hodge 11, Wilson 2, Mauldin 2.

ELBA 30

N.B. 18

The Elba Lady Tigers outscored New Brockton in all four quarters Thursday night to post a 30-18 win over the Lady Gamecocks. The Lady Tigers owned a 16-7 lead at the half and rolled to the easy win. Brandy Caldwell scored 8 points to lead Elba, while Katrina Head and Megan Anderson both added 6 points.

Elba (30): Caldwell 8, Head 6, Anderson 6, Carnley 2, Pruitt 2, Burks 2, Cross 4.
N.B. (18): Lee 2, Sawyer 2, Muhammad 2, Barrett 2, Langes 3, Bubanks 3.

Sign up now to play youth basketball

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation has announced that registration for youth basketball will continue through November 15 for boys ages 4-14 and girls ages 4-12, with the age of players determined by their age on Sept. 1, 2004.

Age divisions for boys include 6 and Under, 8 and Under, 10 and Under, 12 and Under and 14 and Under, while divisions for girls include 8 and Under, 10 and Under and 12 and Under.

For more information contact the Elba Recreation dept. at 897-6833.

How to keep deer out of your yard

By Stan Windham
County Extension Coordinator

In 1994, the deer population in the United States was estimated to be more than 25 million and growing. With the deer population exploding and urban areas expanding onto rural acreage, deer damage to ornamental plants has increased. As the deer problem is likely to increase in the future, the solution is to eliminate the deer or improve deer management in areas experiencing damage.

Elimination degrading deer in urban and suburban areas is a harsh step that is meeting public resistance. Increasing hunting quotas and reducing hunting restrictions help, but often not practical in areas of high human populations. Shooting contraceptives into does would be extremely useful in urban situations where it is unsafe to hunt, but in preliminary tests contraceptives have not been successful.

Foraging behaviors of animals vary seasonally and annually, influenced by such factors as deer population, weather, food availability, distance from cover, and plant attractiveness. Nurseries are usually "raided" in winter when natural food is difficult to find.

Nursery and home owners have several options for controlling deer. These include:

Putting up fences.
Using repellents.
Considering deer food. Taste repellent.



Elba Lady Tiger Megan Anderson moves in for a steal in recent junior high basketball action. The Lady Tigers claimed wins over Zion Chapel and New Brockton last week to improve their record to 8-3.

Wainwright wins truck feature at SAS

By Mark Chisum

Jeff Wainwright led all 100 laps Friday night to win the first of the South Alabama Tailgate Party Twin 100's for the O'Reilly Southern All Star SuperTruck Series. The second 100, scheduled for Saturday night, was postponed until November 27, when a heavy mist set in Saturday morning and never lifted.

Wainwright set fast time in qualifying and then got a good jump on the start to take the lead into turn one. From there, Wainwright cruised to his seventh series win in 2004. Kevin Barrett was able to keep Wainwright in his sights, but never mounted a serious challenge for the lead. Barrett faded near the end of the race, but Rob Young took up chase on Wainwright. However, laps ran out before Young could catch the leader.

Wainwright led Young to the checkered flag by five track lengths. Josh Adkins finished third, followed by Greg Motes and Okie Mason.

In the Roadrunner Season Championship Race, Jerry Hudson took the lead from the start and led all 40 laps to take the win. Jason Singletary moved into second on lap seven and chased Hudson the rest of the race but settled for second. John Singletary finished third with Tim Peters fourth and Danny Monaghan fifth.

In the Modified Feature, Kevin Peel's late race charge paid off as he took the lead in the final turn to take the win. Peel was running third when the caution came out with five laps to go. Peel got past Joey Watkins on the first lap after the

restart and began to pressure leader Ken Gibson. Peel pulled to the outside of Gibson and got the grip he needed in the final turn and beat Gibson to the line by half a car length. Watkins was third, Jamie Ater fourth, and Jeff Darby fifth.

In the Coyote Feature, Max Nelson led all 15 laps to take the win. Tracy Thompson came from the sixth starting spot to finish second. Aaron Nelson was third with Clay Segars fourth and Chad Smith fifth. Allen Cherry led all 20 laps to win the Mini Sportsman Feature. Dwayne Maloy came from the eighth starting spot to claim second. Rodney Maloy followed him through the pack to finish third. Kelly Spivey and Herdon Boiye rounded out the top five.

For more information, contact the track at (334) 565-3539, or visit the track's web site at www.southalabamiaspeedway.com.

Results

O'Reilly Southern All Star SuperTrucks

1. Jeff Wainwright
2. Rob Young
3. Josh Adkins
4. Greg Motes
5. Okie Mason
6. Kevin Barrett
7. Spencer Teal
8. Brian Huff
9. John Shuffler
10. George Paul
11. Richard Johns
12. Andy Gaddis
13. Billy Melvin
14. Cohen Motes
15. Mike Davidson
16. Larry Jordan
17. Todd Britt

18. Cale Gale
DNS Scooter Delaune

Modified

1. Kevin Peel
2. Ken Gibson
3. Joey Watkins
4. Jamie Ater
5. Jeff Darby
6. Cameron Page

Roadrunner

1. Jerry Hudson
2. Ken Gibson
3. Jason Singletary
4. Tim Peters
5. Danny Monaghan
6. Jimmy Smith
7. LaDunn Stokes
8. David Scott
9. Randy Clemmons
10. Bill Walden
11. Billy Maxie
12. Jim Mathis
13. Danny Parmer
14. Tony Tidwell
15. Matt Smith

Coyote

1. Max Nelson
2. Tracy Thompson
3. Aaron Nelson
4. Clay Segars
5. Chad Smith
6. Frank Culliford
7. Ben Baxl
8. Danny Yarber

Mini Sportsman

1. Allen Cherry
2. Dwayne Maloy
3. Rodney Maloy
4. Kelly Spivey
5. Herdon Boiye
6. Jeremy Peacock
7. Mike Wolfe
8. O. E. Moon
9. Mike Cherry



B.J. Free, the son of Marsha and Brian Free, of Elba, killed his first squirrel on Nov. 7 while hunting at the farm with his "Papa" Keith Lewis. He bagged the squirrel with Granddaddy's 410.

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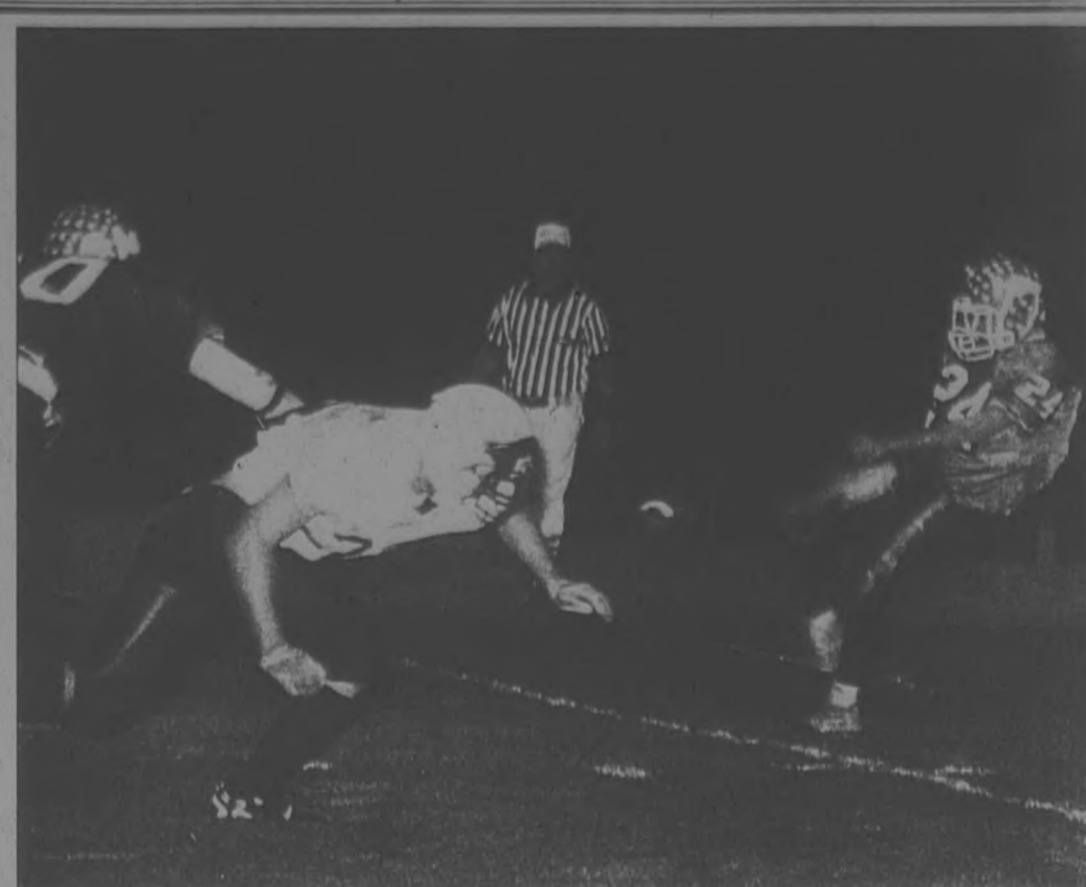
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SPORTS



Brantley's Devaris Skanes (5) watches the block of a teammate before heading out-side in last week's 27-7 playoff win over Reeltown. Skanes scored 2 touchdowns as the Bulldogs upped their record to 12-0 heading into quarterfinal action.



Brantley's Lance Myers (24) handled punting chores for the Bulldogs last week and averaged almost 37 yards per boot in the Bulldogs big win over Reeltown. Brantley will travel to American Christian this week in third round action.

Winning streak reaches 12 games

Brantley Bulldogs rip Rebels 27-7

By Greg Brunson
Photos by Janet Brunson

As the fog rolled into Bulldog Stadium Friday night the Brantley Bulldogs rolled on!

The Brantley Bulldogs used two rushing touchdowns by Devaris Skanes and two touchdown passes from Edgar Walker to Antwan Foster to claim a 27-7 victory over the Reeltown Rebels last week in the second round of the state high school football playoffs.

The win upped Brantley's record to 12-0 and moved the Bulldogs into a quarterfinal rematch against the American Christian Eagles, while the loss left Reeltown with a final record of 7-4.

Brantley's Lance Myers caused and recovered a Reeltown fumble at the Rebels' 37-yardline to set up the first points of the night, which came on the fifth play of the ensuing possession. When Devaris Skanes took a pitch-out around the left end and raced 16 yards into the endzone, Marcus Owens booted the extra-point and with 2:14 remaining in the opening quarter Brantley owned a 7-0 lead.

The Rebels fired right back with a score of their own as they marched 79 yards in only five plays to get on the scoreboard. The touchdown came when Brad Musick broke through the line on a fourth down and two at the Brantley 43-yardline and rambled into the endzone for a Rebel score. Dylan Flurry kicked the extra-point and with 11:49 left in the second quarter the score was knotted at 7-7.

Reeltown began its next possession at the Brantley 31-yardline after a high snap on fourth down resulted in a 22-yard loss. The Rebels butted heads with the Brantley defense on six straight running plays, but on a key fourth down play the Brantley defense stopped Reeltown's Ronnie Knight inches short of the goal line to turn back the scoring threat.

The Bulldogs were able to dig themselves out of the hole behind the hard running of Josh Burnett and a 41-yard punt by Lance Myers, and the Bulldog defense was again up to the challenge and forced a three and out by the Rebels.

Reeltown's David Pattilo mishandled the snap on the punt attempt by the Rebels, and Brantley's Marcus Owens recovered the loose ball to set the Bulldogs up at the Reeltown 37-yardline.

On the game's next snap Edgar Walker hit Antwan Foster on a crossing pattern in the middle of the Rebel secondary and the speedy Bulldog receiver outran the Rebels into the endzone to put the 'Dogs back on top. Marcus Owens kicked the extra-point and with 1:39 left in the half Brantley had regained the lead at 14-7.

The two teams swapped turnovers to open the second half as Brantley's Scotty

Abadillo recovered a fumbled punt and the Rebels' A.J. Hayden claimed a pass interception.

A short Reeltown punt set the Brantley offense up at the Rebel 34-yardline and from there it took the Bulldogs only eight plays to add to their lead. The touchdown came on a 10-yard pass from Edgar Walker to Antwan Foster, and even though the extra-point try failed, the Bulldogs were in command with a 20-7 advantage with 27 remaining in the third quarter.

Brantley's defense remained in command the remainder of the game as it held the Rebels to three plays and a punt on Reeltown's final three possessions of the game, while the Brantley offense also showed its dominance as the Bulldogs added a touchdown on a 1-yard run by Devaris Skanes with 5:17 left on the clock. The final Brantley score capped a five-play, 18-yard drive that was set up by a long punt return by Antwan Foster. Marcus Owens tacked on the final points of the night with the extra-point and at the final horn Brantley had the impressive playoff win 27-7.

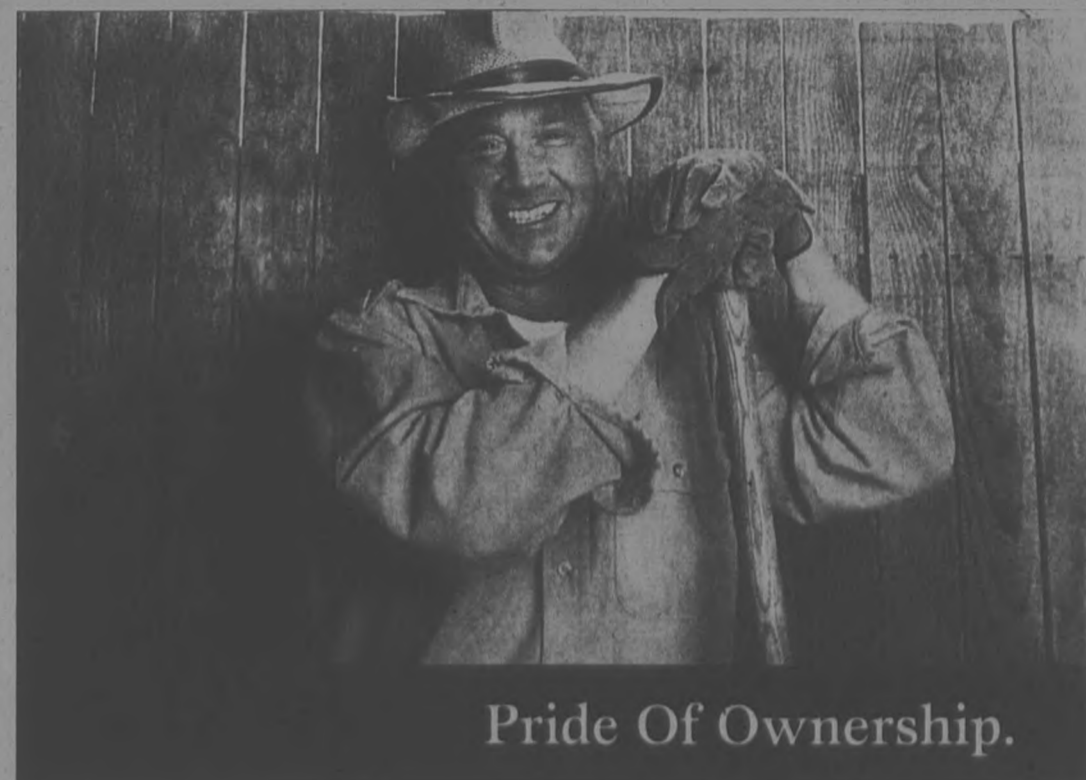
The Brantley defense had a big night behind the play of Corey Latham, Jeremy Dorsey, Jeffery Daniels, Lance Myers and Tyler Weaver, while all Bulldog fans were glad to see the return of Scotty Abadilla and Chris Booker after their absence due to injuries.

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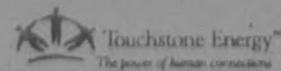
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Carols for Christmas

CHAPTER TWO

by Linda M. Hodge

Alli came downstairs grinning from ear to ear. She seemed to have an extra skip in her step this particular evening. There was no doubt in her mind. December was the best month of the entire year.

Alli zoomed past her dad, Tony, who was sitting in the family room watching television. Suddenly, she stopped in her tracks, back stepped and gave him a small kiss on the cheek. "Must be Christmas," he teased. "That's the only thing that would get me such a treat."

Alli gave him one of those ha-ha, very funny, looks then proceeded to her original destination of the kitchen. Dad, of course, was right. She had to be extra nice with Christmas just around the corner. After all, good behavior usually gets rewarded quite nicely.

"Hey, Mom. What's for dinner?" Alli asked as she entered the kitchen. "I'll set the table," she added before the menu was even announced.

Alli's mom, Elizabeth, handed her the plates with a sharp smile of assurance. She knew what her daughter was up to. The only time Alli showed any desire to be helpful around the house was when she wanted something. It was December, and Alli was working that Christmas charm.

Alli sat at the table with her parents. She could barely keep her mind on eating. Her excitement had been building all afternoon long, and if she didn't say something soon, she was sure she would explode.

"I finished my Christmas list today," she announced. "Jessica, Sam and I worked on our lists this afternoon."

"Sounds like you had a busy afternoon, then," her dad replied.

"Boy, did I ever!"

Alli began telling her parents about the incident at the James home after school. She told them about the boys yelling at Mrs. James and how she just sat there not saying a word.

"What's Old Lady Scrooge's problem?" Alli asked her parents. "She never even bothers to put up a Christmas tree. That's just crazy."

"Those boys were wrong to bother Mrs. James. She's an elderly lady," Alli's mom said with an apparent disgust for the youngster's attitude. "As for you, I don't want to hear you call her that again. I'm sure Mrs. James has a very good reason for not decorating during the holiday season, and we will not join in chastising her for it."

"I realize you kids think it is terrible not to celebrate the holiday, but it doesn't make her a bad person," she continued. "Mrs. James has been through a lot in her life, and she is all alone in that house. Maybe she doesn't celebrate the holiday because she doesn't have anyone to share it with."

No one to share Christmas with. Alli could not imagine such.

"I think she's just old and mean," Alli said. "She just wants to aggravate everyone. That's why she doesn't participate in anything."

Elizabeth couldn't believe her daughter had fallen into the same closed-minded train of thought as many other residents on Union Square. There had to be something she could do to change Alli's mind.

Author Linda M. Hodge is a native of Elba, Alabama. *Carols for Christmas* is produced in partnership with this newspaper. Copyright 2004.

Next Week

CHAPTER THREE: Mom's Surprise

Happy Thanksgiving!

County extension office plans tasting tea/recipe & nature crafts contests

The Coffee County Extension office will host a Tasting Tea and Recipe and Nature Crafts Contest, sponsored by the Alabama Cooperative Extension System on Monday, Dec. 6, at 6 p.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

The recipe contest will have a first place winner (\$50), second place winner (\$25) and third place winner (\$15).

Anyone interested in entering this contest should send a copy of the recipe to the county extension office at 5 County Complex, New Brockton, AL 36351 no later than Thursday, Dec. 2. Also, the contestant needs to bring a prepared dish made from the recipe to the community room by 5 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 6 for judging and to be shared with the public.

Copies of the recipe will be shared with the public unless the contestant asks that it not be shared.

The nature crafts contest will have a first place winner (\$25), second place winner (\$15) and third place winner (\$10).

Anyone interested in entering this contest should make their crafts from items only of nature. The crafts should be brought to the community room by 5 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 6 for judging and display.

The public is invited to attend the Tasting Tea at 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6, to taste all the different recipes entered in the recipe contest. There will be a small admission fee.

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While still on earth you miss me yet,
You wouldn't want me there,
If you could see where I have gone.


If you could see where I have gone,
Could stay awhile with me;
Could share the things that God has made,
To grace eternity.
But no, you couldn't ever leave,
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